

Question 1. Given any unit vector \mathbf{n} (i.e. $\|\mathbf{n}\| = 1$), we define the hyperplane $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{n}} := \{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = 0\}$ for which \mathbf{n} is known as the normal vector. For any vector \mathbf{x} , we define its projection into $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{n}}$ as $\pi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} - (\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{n})\mathbf{n}$.

1. Given two vectors $\mathbf{x}_1 \neq \mathbf{x}_2$, take $\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1}{\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1\|}$. Show that $\pi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}_1) = \pi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}_2)$.
2. Let \mathbf{w} be a vector and define $y_1 := \mathbf{x}_1^\top \mathbf{w}$ and $y_2 := \mathbf{x}_2^\top \mathbf{w}$. Show that $y_1 = y_2$ if and only if $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{n}}$.
- *3. Let \mathbf{X} be a n by p matrix whose rows $\mathbf{X}_{i,:}$ are all distinct. Show that there exists a vector \mathbf{w} of length p such that the scalars $(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})_i$ are all distinct.

Answer 1. 1.

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1}{\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1\|} \implies \mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{x}_2 - \|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1\|\mathbf{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}_1) &= \mathbf{x}_1 - (\mathbf{x}_1^\top \mathbf{n})\mathbf{n} \\ &= (\mathbf{x}_2 - \|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1\|\mathbf{n}) - [(\mathbf{x}_2 - \|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1\|\mathbf{n})^\top \mathbf{n}]\mathbf{n} \\ &= \mathbf{x}_2 - \|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1\|\mathbf{n} - [\mathbf{x}_2^\top \mathbf{n} - \|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1\|(\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{n})]\mathbf{n} \\ &= \mathbf{x}_2 - \underbrace{\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1\|\mathbf{n}}_{(\mathbf{x}_2^\top \mathbf{n})\mathbf{n}} + \underbrace{\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1\|\mathbf{n}}_{(\because \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{n} = 1)} \\ &= \mathbf{x}_2 - (\mathbf{x}_2^\top \mathbf{n})\mathbf{n} \\ &= \pi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \pi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}_1) = \pi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}_2)$$

2. $y_2 - y_1 = \mathbf{x}_2^\top \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{x}_1^\top \mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{x}_2^\top - \mathbf{x}_1^\top)\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1)^\top \mathbf{w} = \|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1\|(\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{w})$ (where $\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1}{\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1\|}$)
 $\therefore y_2 - y_1 = 0 \iff \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{w} = 0$
 $\therefore y_1 = y_2$ if and only if $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{n}}$.
3. We showed in 2 that $(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})_i$ and $(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})_j$ are equal if and only if $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{H}_{i,j}$, where $\mathcal{H}_{i,j} := \{\mathbf{w} : (\mathbf{X}_{j,:} - \mathbf{X}_{i,:})^\top \mathbf{w} = 0\}$ i.e. \mathbf{w} is in the hyperplane normal to $\mathbf{X}_{j,:} - \mathbf{X}_{i,:}$, $\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}, i \neq j$, i.e. when \mathbf{w} is not in any of the $\binom{n}{2}$ hyperplanes. Since each hyperplane spans in a space which is one dimension lesser than the dimension of the vectors p , the $\binom{n}{2}$ hyperplanes cannot cover the full p -dimensional space. Hence, such a \mathbf{w} exists (provided n is finite).

Question 2. Recall the variance of X is $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2]$.

1. Let X be a random variable with finite mean. Show $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2$.
2. Let X and Z be random variables on the same probability space. Show that : $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}_Z[\text{Var}(X|Z)] + \text{Var}_Z(\mathbb{E}[X|Z])$. (Hint : $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}_Y[\mathbb{E}[X|Y]]$.)

Answer 2. 1. $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2] = \mathbb{E}[(X^2 - 2X\mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[X]^2)] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - 2\mathbb{E}[X]^2 + \mathbb{E}[X]^2 = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \mathbb{E}_Z[\text{Var}(X|Z)] + \text{Var}_Z(\mathbb{E}[X|Z]) &= \mathbb{E}_Z[\mathbb{E}[X^2|Z] - \mathbb{E}[X|Z]^2] + \mathbb{E}_Z[\mathbb{E}[X|Z]^2] - \mathbb{E}_Z[\mathbb{E}[X|Z]]^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}_Z[\mathbb{E}[X^2|Z]] - \mathbb{E}_Z[\mathbb{E}[X|Z]^2] + \mathbb{E}_Z[\mathbb{E}[X|Z]^2] - \mathbb{E}_Z[\mathbb{E}[X|Z]]^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}_Z[\mathbb{E}[X^2|Z]] - \mathbb{E}_Z[\mathbb{E}[X|Z]]^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2 = \text{Var}(X) \end{aligned}$$

Question 3. Let $X \in \mathcal{X}$ be a random variable with density function f_X , and $g : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be continuously differentiable, where \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} are subsets of \mathbb{R} . Let $Y := g(X)$, which is continuously distributed with density function f_Y .

1. Show that if g is monotonic, $f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} \right|$.
2. Let $f_X(x) = \mathbf{1}_{x \in [0,1]}(x)$ and $f_Y(y) = \mathbf{1}_{y \in [0,2]}(y) \cdot \frac{y}{2}$. Find a monotonic mapping g that translates f_X and f_Y .
- *3. Let $N_Y = \{y \in \mathcal{Y} : g(x) = y, g'(x) = 0 \text{ for some } x \in \mathcal{X}\}$. Show that in general if $g'(x) = 0$ at most finitely many times, for $y \in \mathcal{Y} \setminus N_Y$,

$$f_Y(y) = \sum_{x \in \{x: g(x)=y\}} \frac{f_X(x)}{|g'(x)|}$$

4. Let $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, i.e. $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-\frac{x^2}{2})$, and $g(x) = x^2$. Determine $f_Y(y)$.

Answer 3.

1. Consider the CDF of $X : F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$, and of $Y : F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y)$.

We know that PDF is the derivative of the CDF : $f_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x)$, $f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y)$.

It is given that X and Y are related by a function g as — $Y := g(X)$.

$$\therefore F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(g(X) \leq y)$$

If g is monotonic, then g^{-1} exists, which is similarly monotonic as g — $g^{-1}(y) = x$.

$$\therefore F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(g(X) \leq y) = P(X \leq g^{-1}(y)) = F_X(g^{-1}(y)).$$

Differentiating w.r.t. y on both sides :

$$\frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \implies f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_X(g^{-1}(y))$$

If g is monotonically increasing, its slope is positive, hence :

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dg^{-1}(y)} F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy}$$

But if g is monotonically decreasing, its slope is negative. But $f_Y(y)$ has to be positive (since it's a CDF). Hence, in that case :

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dg^{-1}(y)} F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot \left(-\frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} \right) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot \left(-\frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} \right)$$

We combine these two cases of monotonic increase and decrease of g and say :

$$\therefore f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot \left| \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} \right|$$

$$2. F_X(x) = \int_0^x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^x 1 dx = x$$

$$F_Y(y) = \int_0^y f_Y(y) dy = \int_0^y \frac{y}{2} dy = \frac{y^2}{4}$$

$$x = F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = P(g^{-1}(Y) \leq x) = P(Y \leq g(x)) = F_Y(g(x)) = \frac{g(x)^2}{4}$$

$$\implies x = \frac{g(x)^2}{4} \implies g(x) = 2\sqrt{x}$$

$$3. \text{ When } g \text{ is monotonic, } f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \cdot \left| \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} \right| = \frac{f_X(g^{-1}(y))}{|g'(x)|}.$$

Here, g is not monotonic since $\exists x$ s.t. $g'(x) = 0$. But, g is monotonic in the portions between every consecutive pair of such x s. Hence, considering that all have different domains, the net PDF can be considered as the sum of every individual PDF :

$$f_Y(y) = \sum_{x \in \{x: g(x)=y\}} \frac{f_X(x)}{|g'(x)|}$$

$$4. \ g(x) = x^2 = y \implies g^{-1}(y) = x = \sqrt{y} \implies \frac{d}{dy}g^{-1}(y) = \frac{d}{dy}y^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}y^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}$$

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot \left| \frac{dg^{-1}(y)}{dy} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\sqrt{y})^2}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi y}} \exp\left(-\frac{y}{2}\right)$$

Question 4. Let Q and P be univariate normal distributions with mean and variance μ, σ^2 and m, s^2 , respectively. Derive the entropy $H(Q)$, the cross-entropy $H(Q, P)$, and the KL divergence $D_{\text{KL}}(Q||P)$.

Answer 4. Entropy :

$$\begin{aligned} H(Q) &= - \int q(x) \ln q(x) dx \\ &= - \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)\right) dx \\ &= - \left(\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right) dx + \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx \right) \\ &= - \left(\ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right) \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \int (x-\mu)^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx \right) \\ &= \ln(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}) \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \cdot \sigma^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi e\sigma^2) \end{aligned}$$

Cross-Entropy :

$$\begin{aligned} H(Q, P) &= - \int q(x) \ln p(x) dx \\ &= - \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-m)^2}{2s^2}\right)\right) dx \\ &= - \left(\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s^2}}\right) dx + \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(-\frac{(x-m)^2}{2s^2}\right) dx \right) \\ &= - \left(\ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s^2}}\right) \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx - \frac{1}{2s^2} \int (x-m)^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx \right) \\ &= \ln(\sqrt{2\pi s^2}) \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2s^2} \int ((x-\mu) + (\mu-m))^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi s^2) + \frac{1}{2s^2} \left(\int (x-\mu)^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2(\mu-m) \int (x-\mu) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx + (\mu-m)^2 \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi s^2) + \frac{1}{2s^2} \left(\sigma^2 + 2(\mu-m) \cdot 0 + (\mu-m)^2 \cdot 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi s^2) + \frac{\sigma^2 + (\mu-m)^2}{2s^2} \end{aligned}$$

KL Divergence :

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\text{KL}}(Q||P) &= - \int q(x) \ln \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx \\ &= - \int q(x) \ln p(x) dx + \int q(x) \ln q(x) dx \\ &= H(Q, P) - H(Q) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi s^2) + \frac{\sigma^2 + (\mu - m)^2}{2s^2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi e\sigma^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi s^2) + \frac{\sigma^2 + (\mu - m)^2}{2s^2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \ln\left(\frac{s}{\sigma}\right) + \frac{\sigma^2 + (\mu - m)^2}{2s^2} - \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$